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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Oct 23, 2001
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the amendment filed on 2/4/2002. Claims 1-19 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 102(e) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by MacNaughton US pat. No.6,020,884.

As to claim 1, MacNaughton discloses a method for facilitating a chat session between a first user and a second user, both visiting a first web server (18 fig.1A), the method comprising:

receiving, from the first user, a first user ID (user preference) corresponding to the first user and an address of the first web server (see fig.1A, 1B, abstract, col.7 lines 9-56, col.8 lines 26-41 and col.9 lines 6-52). It is inherent that every device in the network has an address including the Web Server.

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receiving, from the second user, a second user ID corresponding to the second user and the address of the first web server providing and providing to the first user, at least an indication of the second user ID (col.9 lines 6-52);

receiving, from the first user, a request to open one of a public chat session, a semi-public chat session and a private chat session with the second user and transmitting, to the second user, an indication that the first user has requested one of the public chat session, the semi-public chat session and the private chat session (using notifications, see col.9 line 6 to col.10 line 32);

receiving, from the second user, an acceptance to enter the chat session designated by the first user (see col. 9 line 6 to col.10 line 32).

As to claim 2, MacNaughton discloses the chat session is a public chat session and wherein the chat session is visible to other users (see col.9 lines 6-52).

As to claim 3, MacNaughton discloses the chat session is a private chat session and wherein the chat session is not visible to other users (see col.9 line 27 to col.10 line 32).

As to claim 4, MacNaughton discloses the chat session is a semi-public chat session and wherein the chat session is visible only to users having a predetermined user profile (see col.9 line 27 to col.10 line 32 and col.8 lines 10-57).

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As to claim 5, MacNaughton discloses receiving, from the first user, a query for information regarding other users visiting the first web site, and searching a user database to determine which users are visiting the first web site (see col.8 line 11 to col.9 line 52).

As to claim 6, MacNaughton discloses the query including a request for other users predetermined personal data (see col.9 lines 6-52).

Claim 7 is rejected for the same reasons set forth in claim 1.

As to claims 8 and 9, MacNaughton discloses displaying to the user the usage information in a graphical format and text format (see col.1 line 42 to col.2 line 46 and col.3 line 42 to col.4 line 42).

As to claims 10 and 11, MacNaughton discloses the usage information is displayed automatically to the user and only upon a command generated by the user (see col.7 line 9 to col.8 line 25).

As to claim 12, MacNaughton discloses:

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receiving, from the first user, a first user ID (user preference) corresponding to the first user and an address of the first web server (see fig.1A, 1B, abstract, col.7 lines 9-56, col.8 lines 26-41 and col.9 lines 6-52);

receiving, from the second user, a second user ID corresponding to the second user and the address of the first web server providing and providing to the first user, at least an indication of the second user ID (col.9 lines 6-52);

receiving, from the first user, a request to open one of a public chat session, a semi-public chat session and a private chat session with the second user and transmitting, to the second user, an indication that the first user has requested one of the public chat session, the semi-public chat session and the private chat session (using notifications, see col.9 line 6 to col.10 line 32);

receiving, from the second user, an acceptance to enter the chat session designated by the first user (see col. 9 line 6 to col.10 line 32).

Claim 13 is rejected for the same reasons set forth in claim 1. As to the added limitation, MacNaughton discloses a processor (28 fig.1A).

As to claim 14, MacNaughton discloses:

receiving, from the user (user preference) a designation of the first web page as a homepage and monitoring usage of homepage by a plurality of users (see fig.1A, 1B, abstract, col.5 line 42 to col.6 line 61, col.8 lines 26-41 and col.9 lines 6-52);

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transmitting data representative of the usage to the user when the user is visiting a second web page (see col.6 line 12 to col.7 line 7).

Claim 15 is rejected for the same reasons set forth in claim 14. As to the added limitations, MacNaughton discloses a processor (28 fig.1A) and a memory for storing processing instructions (Via Community Server, see col.5 line 42 to col.6 line 61).

Claims 16 and 17 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in claim 12.

Claim 18 is rejected for the same reasons set forth in claim 12.

Claim 19 is rejected for the same reasons set forth in claim 1. As to the added limitation, MacNaughton discloses a processor (28 fig.1A).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed on 2/4/2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

* Applicant asserts that MacNaughton does not disclose receiving, from either user, the address of the web server being visited.

It is inherent that every device in the network has an address including the Web Server.

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* The applicant assert that MacNaughton does not disclose a semi-public chat session and the chat session is visible only to users having a predetermined user profile.

The examiner respectfully disagrees. MacNaughton clearly discloses semi-public chat session and the chat session is visible only to users having a predetermined user profile (i.e., using the Tracking Server to monitor users' actions so that users who share similar interests may learn of one another through a variety of options (see col.9 line 27 to col.10 line 32 and col.8 lines 10-57).

Therefore, the examiner asserts that MacNaughton teaches or suggests the subject matter broadly recited in independent claims 1, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 19 as required under 35 U.S.C 102(e). Claims 2-6, 8-11, 14 and 17 are rejected at least by virtue of their dependency on independent claims 1, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 19 and by other reasons set forth in the previous Office Action (paper #5, mailed on 6/24/2001).

Conclusion

5. Claims 1-19 are **rejected**.
6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

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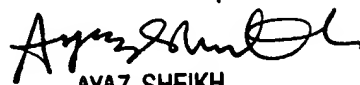
the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Dinh whose telephone number is (703) 308-8528. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.m. to 5:00 P.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh, can be reached on (703) 305-9648. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 746-7238 (for After-final communications).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305 -9600.

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